



***COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**SB 66, "AN ACT EXTENDING PAID SICK LEAVE TO SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONALS"**

CCM opposes this bill as an expansion of an unfunded state mandate.

SB 66 would, among other things, expand Connecticut's paid sick leave mandate by including school paraprofessionals in the enumerated list of employees who are eligible for paid sick leave.

While sympathetic to the intent of this proposal, local officials have concern regarding the costs associated with expanding paid sick leave benefits.

This bill would negatively impact municipal budgets in an economy where local officials are struggling to sustain critical services amidst growing deficits, evaporating revenues, and layoffs. The non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) has determined that similar proposals to expand paid sick leave benefits would be a "**STATE MANDATE**" on municipalities. OFA has noted that these proposals would have a negative fiscal impact on already strained local budgets<sup>1</sup>.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on SB 66.

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<sup>1</sup> OFA Fiscal Note No. 913, 2011.